

REMARKS

In response to the Office Communication of March 10, 2009, Applicants have included the status of Claim 1.

Applicants appreciate the examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action dated July 31, 2008. Applicants further appreciate the indication that, upon further consideration in view of Applicants' response, Groups I-IX have been rejoined. Currently, Claims 14-36 stand withdrawn from consideration, Claims 3-9 stand objected to and Claims 1, 2, 10-13 and 37-40 stand rejected.

In an effort to facilitate prosecution of this application and allowance of pending claims, Applicants have canceled Claim 2, without prejudice, canceled Claim 7 to include the recitations of Claim 7 into amended Claim 1, and canceled Claim 39, without prejudice, to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants have also amended Claim 1 in order to delete specific recitations so that Claim 1 presents aspects of the subject matter of Claim 3. Applicants have amended Claim 9 in order to place this claim in independent format. Since Claims 3, 7 and 9 are merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 1 and 9 are now allowable. Applicants also respectfully submit that dependent Claims 3-6, 8 and 10-13 are patentable at least per the patentability of Claim 1.

As the withdrawn method of treatment claims are now directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 1, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of Claims 14-36 and allowance thereof.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any small matters outstanding of resolution, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,

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